(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In India, Registered Medical Practitioners on a State Medical Register, authorized to prescribe medications or conduct surgery and registered Dentists can prefix 'Doctor* with their names. The pharmacists cannot prefix 'Doctor* with their name. Persons with Ph.D. Degree in any discipline can also prefix the title 'Doctor' in India.

Funds for upgradation of IGAS, Patna

†*410. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar has requested for funds of more than Rs. 40 crores for strengthening and upgrading the Indira Gandhi Ayurvigyan Sansthan, Shaikhpura, Patna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such proposal has been received from Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Heart and Cancer Patients

†*411. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of patients, particularly of heart and cancer in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and G.B. Pant Hospital in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any scheme for providing easily accessible treatment to these patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.